

Your feedback on the Rhyll boating facility upgrade design concepts



Community consultation took place from Friday 22 November to Friday 6 December 2019.

We held a dedicated community event and an online survey to hear what residents, boat users and stakeholders think should be included in the boating facility upgrade. This was the first step of the consultation process, and a key reason for holding it was to involve the community from the outset.

The consultation allowed us to test initial concept ideas with you and we received considerable feedback on three upgrade concepts.

What we proposed

We tested three design concepts for an upgraded boating facility. All concept designs explore options to upgrade the facility by expanding and/or reconfiguring the car park, improving the boat ramp and associated jetty and proposing additional pontoons. Other features include enhanced pedestrian walkways and improved safety and relocation of the fish cleaning facility.

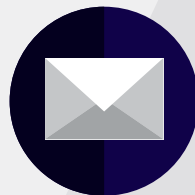
People reached



658 visits to the online project page
820 people downloaded the concept designs



Approximately **200 people** attended the community event



11 formal submissions
4 letters and **7** emails



50 responses to the hard copy survey
92 responses to the online survey

Who we heard from

- **Boat ramp users**
- **Residents**
- **Visitors to the area**
- **Community groups**

What we heard

Most of the feedback supported the various concept plans to upgrade the Rhyll boating facility. However, consultation showed us that a small proportion of non-boating users have concerns with relocation of the playground, shipwrecks in the vicinity and concepts that identified relocating and sealing the existing slipway.

Your feedback shows there are elements of the three proposed design concepts that could be improved to better meet the needs of residents and the fishing and boating community.

We're reviewing your feedback and it will be used to inform the final design concept. We're also engaging a marine heritage expert to help us understand the potential impacts to any shipwrecks.

We will be continuing to engage with stakeholders to discuss the final design concept and address any concerns in February.



43%

of survey respondents **prefer Concept C**. Most people who prefer Concept C are **boat ramp users**.

42%

of survey respondents **prefer Concept A**. Most people who prefer Concept A are **non-boat ramp using Rhyll residents**.

11%

of survey respondents **prefer Concept B**.

4%

of survey respondents **don't like any of the concepts** provided.

Through the online survey and community event, you told us:



You are supportive of the boating facility upgrade including:

- the opportunity to improve pedestrian, and boat ramp user's safety
- Improved parking & traffic flow
- water sensitive user designs to minimise impacts to Western Port.



You have some concerns about:

- Jetty and pontoon design in relation to tidal flow
- the new pontoon and how it will decrease the ability to launch sail boats off the beach
- pedestrian safety if the playground is moved
- expanding the car park
- local shipwrecks
- loss of green space on the foreshore.

You said:

- historical significance of the slipway and surrounding monuments are important to the Rhyll facility and need to be considered
- the design of the pontoons needs to consider the water movement/current
- There are shipwrecks in the area, including one in the vicinity of the playground
- a longer consultation period is beneficial when considering the proposed concepts
- you'd like a fish cleaning facility located near the water's edge to reduce odours and mess
- you'd like to ensure the facility includes accessible parking options
- we need to have a strategy for overflow parking and road impacts in peak times
- maintenance of the area is important to consider in planning the upgrades
- the final concept needs to embrace resilience and sustainability in terms of climate change
- Rhyll foreshore has character and it's important to ensure the upgrade doesn't lose sight of everything the area has to offer.

You asked

Q. Is an upgrade to the Rhyll boat ramp needed?

The Victoria State Government has committed to upgrading boating facilities in six different locations in the Port Phillip and Western Port region. Rhyll was identified as a location requiring an upgrade in order to meet future recreational boating demands and to improve its current condition.

Q. The proposed concept designs need improving, can't you design the facility differently?

Our project team is currently reviewing all the feedback provided. This feedback will help us consider what needs to be refined and it will be used to inform the final design that will be presented in 2020.

Q. Why was the consultation period for this upgrade so short? It didn't give us long enough to consider the plans and provide feedback.

We think early engagement with stakeholders is essential in developing a user-friendly upgrade design that meet community expectations. This consultation was the very first step in the upgrade of the Rhyll boating facility and gave us the chance to test early ideas and get important feedback from the community. There will be more opportunities for you to engage in 2020.

Q. Do we really need an expanded car park?

During peak boating season the car park can reach full capacity and become congested. Furthermore, as the population and number of boating users grow, the design should consider accommodating additional parking for boat ramp users, where feasible. Our design concepts explored options for expanding the car park and improving traffic flow. We will also be exploring options to provide overflow car parking at suitable locations near the vicinity of the boat ramp for boaters during peak season.

Q. Why isn't the council leading this?

We are developing this upgrade in conjunction with Bass Coast Shire Council. Bass Coast Shire Council has been involved from the commencement of the process and we will continue to work very closely together to progress the upgrade.

Q. What's wrong with having a fish cleaning facility over the water?

Sometimes there can be conflict between marine wildlife and boat ramp users. However, we understand it's important to clean your fish close to where you land it. We will work with the Victorian Fisheries Authority and all relevant agencies to deliver this.

Q. Will the upgrade impact the historic ship wreck located near the boating facility?

We'll undertake a heritage assessment to ensure that any works required as part of the upgrade will consider heritage values of the area and receive advice on how to progress the upgrade.

Q. What's being done to ensure all the concerns raised are considered?

We compiled all the feedback and analysed the results in collaboration with our design consultants to ensure we understand everyone's views. This will allow us to present a design that aims to accommodate the needs and wishes of residents and boat users.

Q. Will the proposed designs consider the gradient of the ramp?

These design concepts are the first step in exploring what the Rhyll boating facility upgrade could include. Once a final design concept is developed, a detailed design will be prepared that will be informed by an in-depth assessment of the site. The gradient of the ramp will be considered as part of the process.

Next steps

We would like to thank everyone who provided feedback on our design concepts.

All your feedback is now being considered and will be used to identify opportunities, flag potential constraints and test the functionality of concepts before a final concept design is developed.

We will discuss the final design concept and address any concerns with key stakeholders in February.



LEGEND

- Existing Trees
- Proposed Trees
- Proposed Foot Path
- Vegetation Area
- Webcam Location
- Boardwalk
- Wash Down Facilities
- Fender Pile
- Lighting
- 1 Replace existing jetty
- 2 New larger southern pontoon
- 3 Duplicate jetty and pontoon to north
- 4 Rigging areas
- 5 Fish cleaning location (indicative)
- 6 Standard Car Trailer Unit space size
- 7 Edge protection along revetment & Timber board walk
- 8 Boat ramp access
- 9 Improved pedestrian footpaths
- 10 Existing vegetation retained
- 11 Internal turning lane maintained
- 12 Relocation & upgrade playground facilities, Picnic & BBQ (indicative)
- 13 Dinghy & Kayak launching Ramp (indicative)

Parking Type	Number of spaces
Car Trailer Units	39
Car park spaces lost	0
WSUD Principles to apply	

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Job No: AWM 3670
Drawing: Concept Design A
Scale: NTS
Date: 22/11/2019



Rhyl Boat Ramp Functional Design - Concept A



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 - 7 Edge protection along revetment & Timber board walk
 - 8 Boat ramp access
 - 9 Improved pedestrian footpaths
 - 10 Existing vegetation retained
 - 11 Secondary exit
 - 12 Relocation of 2 public parking spaces
 - 13 3 no. public car park space removed
 - 14 Permanent main exit
 - 15 Relocation & upgrade playground facilities, Picnic & BBQ (indicative)
 - 16 Dinghy & Kayak launching Ramp (indicative)

Parking Type	Number of spaces
Car Trailer Units	42
Car park spaces lost	5
WSUD Principles to apply	

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Rhyll Boat Ramp Functional Design - Concept B



LEGEND

- Existing Trees
- Proposed Trees
- Proposed Foot Path
- Green Area
- Webcam Location
- Boardwalk
- Replace existing jetty
- New larger southern pontoon
- Duplicate jetty and pontoon to north
- Rigging areas
- Fish cleaning location (indicative)
- Standard Car Trailer Unit space size
- Edge protection along revetment & Timber board walk
- Boat ramp access
- Improved pedestrian footpaths
- Existing vegetation retained
- Secondary exit
- Relocation of 2 public parking spaces
- 3 no. public car park space removed
- permanent main exit
- Relocation & upgrade playground facilities, Picnic & BBQ (indicative)
- Dinghy & Kayak launching Ramp (indicative)
- Reconfigured hardstand in consultation with Rhyll Slipway Trust
- Wash Down Facilities
- Fender Pile
- Lighting

Parking Type	Number of spaces
Car Trailer Units	50
Car park spaces lost	5
WSUD Principles to apply	

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Rhyll Boat Ramp Functional Design - Concept C